

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 219981

13

ORIGIN EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CPR-02 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 SS-20

USIA-15 PRS-01 /076 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/CE:LHEICHLER:LR/TEXT SUPPLIED BY WH

APPROVED BY EUR:WSTABLER

EUR/CE - MR. GEORGE

S/S - MR. LUERS

----- 010432

R 042337Z OCT 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BONN

UNCLAS STATE 219981

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, GW

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE  
ON HIS ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL  
MESSAGE TO HELMUT SCHMIDT, CHANCELLOR, FRG:

BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. CHANCELLOR:

YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF  
OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY  
APPRECIATED. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL THE RESOURCES  
OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED  
TOWARD OUR COMMON GOAL OF A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE FOR  
ALL MANKIND.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD

END TEXT.

2. FYI. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF SCHMIDT'S MESSAGE:

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 219981

QUOTE. PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF  
YOUR ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE CHARACTERIZED  
BY MANIFOLD BONDS, TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL  
INTERESTS. I TRUST THAT THE CONFIDENT COOPERATION  
BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, WHICH IS CONSTANTLY  
INCREASING WILL ALSO CONTINUE UNDER YOUR PRESIDENCY. YOU  
MAY BE ASSURED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL GO ON  
TO FULLY CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE POLICIES OF PEACE AND  
DETENTE PURSUED BY BOTH OF US.

I WISH YOU MUCH SUCCESS IN FULFILLING YOUR IMPORTANT  
OFFICE. UNQUOTE.

3. NEITHER WHITE HOUSE NOR DEPARTMENT PLAN TO  
RELEASE TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE BUT HAVE NO  
OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE BY RECIPIENT. KISSINGER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 04 OCT 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974STATE219981  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** LHEICHLER:LR/TEXT SUPPLIED BY WH  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740282-1078  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19741070/aaaachyf.tel  
**Line Count:** 79  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN EUR  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** CollinP0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 06 NOV 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <06 NOV 2002 by garlanwa>; APPROVED <11 FEB 2003 by CollinP0>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON HIS ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE  
**TAGS:** PDIP, GE, (FORD, GERALD R), (SCHMIDT, HELMUT)  
**To:** BONN  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005